6. कर्नाटक	29.15	20.75	—
7. मध्य प्रदेश	53.50	60.70	—
8. पंजाब	0.70	3.15	—
9. राजस्थान	11.05	15.85	—
10. त्रिपुरा	1.35	—	—
11. तमिलनाडु	8.10	25.70	—
12. उत्तर प्रदेश	98.00	26.85	—
13. पश्चिम बंगाल	6.30	3.40	—
14. बिहार	—	—	—
15. महाराष्ट्र	—	1.10	—
16. नागालैण्ड	—	0.80	—
III. खुला बाजार	40.00	76.00	36.80
IV. एन. सी. सी. एफ.	450.00	148.50	207.00

State of P. D. S. in Delhi

2432. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: SHRI RAM SINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fair price shopkeepers of Delhi are not distributing rice and sugar under P. D. S. and public are not getting their quota on time and in many cases the quality is substandard and also the F. P. S. Shopkeepers are directly selling P. D. S. items to hotels and restaurants; on profitable rate;

(b) whether the Government have made any arrangement to provide items to the people properly and on time under P. D. S.; and

(c) what are the details of quantity of PDS items supplied to shopkeepers area-wise in Delhi, New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi has reported that the consumers of Delhi are generally getting foodgrains (rice and wheat) and sugar distributed through the Fair Price Shops (FPS) in time. The FPSs are required to bring to the notice of the Department the bad quality or poor quality of specified food articles for investigation and replacement, if necessary. No complaint regarding sale of PDS by FPS holders directly to hotels and restaurants have come to the notice of the Administration.

(b) and (c) The Govt. of NCT of Delhi makes arrangements to ensure that the PDS items of proper quality are made available to the card holders. A statement showing the lifting of rice, wheat, sugar from April, 1992 to June, 1993 is given in Statement *(See below)*. Area-wise details of quantities supplied are not maintained by the Central Government.

Statement

Monthwise lifting of Wheat, Rice and Sugar distributed through P. D. S. in Delhi

(in '000 tonnes)

Month	Wheat	Rice	Sugar* Allocation
April, 1992	65.80	14.90	9.16
May, 1992	63.30	13.50	9.16
June, 1992	59.10	11.70	9.16
July, 1992	66.20	15.70	9.16
August, 1992	65.60	14.80	9.16
September, 1992	49.50	14.70	10.27
October, 1992	63.50	12.90	10.36
November, 1992	66.90	14.80	9.16
December, 1992	62.70	12.30	9.16
January, 1993	60.60	12.60	9.16
February, 1993	44.70	10.80	9.16
March, 1993	38.90	9.90	9.16
April, 1993	33.80	9.30	9.16
May, 1993	27.70	11.40	9.16
June, 1993	32.10	11.10	9.16

* Lifting is nearly 100%.

Amendment to Essential Commodities Act

2433. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to amend the Essential Commodities Act

considering the views/points expressed by the Supreme Court in one of the Judgement in the state of West Bengal Versus Falguni Datta; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard, if not, what are the specific reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present to amend Essential Commodities Act. However, the details regarding this judgement have been called for from the Government of West Bengal.

Export of Edible Oil

2434. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced its plan to permit the export of edible oil in consumer packs;

(b) whether this decision of export of edible oil was arrived at taking advantage of low price of edible oil prevailing in the market and promotion of export of value added agricultural items;

(c) if so, to what extent the edible oil was exported and the what extent it helped the Government; and

(d) whether the export of edible oil has led to increase in prices of edible oil for internal consumption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) As per the current Export-Import Policy, export of certain edible oils is permitted subject to licensing.

Having regard to the higher production of oilseeds and hence edible oils during the current year, the Government has decided to allow the export of all vegetable oils as listed in the said Import-Export Policy in consumer packs upto 5 kg. except in case of groundnut oil.

(c) and (d) No notification to this effect has been issued and as such the export of edible oil in consumer packs has not started. Thus the question of increase in prices of edible oils for internal consumption on account of export of edible oils does not arise.

Public Distribution System in Urban and Rural Areas

2435. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the break-up of rural and urban population separately served by Public Distribution System as on March, 1993 and how it compares with 1991 and 1992;

(b) what was the comparative off-take of foodgrains during the above period; and

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure availability of foodgrains at Public Distribution System, outlets mainly in the rural and tribal areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) The Public Distribution System (PDS) is universal in character from the Central Government's point of view. The entire population of the country, whether urban or rural, is entitled to draw commodities distributed through the PDS. The offtake of rice and wheat in 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 by the States/UTs for distribution through PDS is given below:—

(in lakh tonnes)

offtake of PDS by States/UTs

	Rice	Wheat
1990-91	76.67	69.00
1991-92	98.60	85.43
1992-93	91.58	72.17

States/UTs have been requested to make arrangements to deliver the PDS commodities at the doorsteps of the fair price shops (FPS). They have been requested to enforce strictly the provisions of Essential Commodities Act and